

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Lt. W. T. M. Beale
From: Frederic R. Dolbeare
Subject:

Date: May 5, 1943

Our Basque friends in New York have prepared a letter of introduction for Russell D'Oench to their London representative, believing that contact might be useful to him.

The document in question is attached hereto to be forwarded to London if you see no objection.

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JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE
30 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

28 April, 1943.

Sr. D. José Ignacio Lizaso
7 Hobart Place
Eaton Square
London, S.W.1.

My Dear Jose Ignacio,

I take pleasure in introducing to you the bearer of this letter, Captain Russell D'Oench. He is a member of the American organization with which we have established intelligence relationships. I request that you accommodate him if he asks anything of you. Through him you can forward to me any correspondence or information that you regard as pertinent.

Affectionately,

/s/ de Aguirre.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. W. P. Maddox
FROM: LondonDesk, British Empire Section

Attached is a letter of introduction for Captain D'Oench to the London representative of our Basque friends in New York. It has been transmitted to us by Mr. Dolbeare and we trust this contact might be useful to Captain D'Oench.

R. Carter Nicholas

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AIR POUCH

TO: MR. WHITNEY H. SHEPARDSON.

26 July, 1943.

FROM: CAPTAIN D'OENCH.

For the attention of F.L. Mayer.

Dear Fred,

Your letter of July 10 is based either on misinformation at your end or on misunderstanding at this end.

In the first place, I was sent thru our pouch a letter of introduction from President Aguirre to Mr. D. José Ignacio Lizaso. I was not given a letter to Oinaindra as you apparently believed. Attached hereto is a translation of the aforementioned letter. It seemed clear to me that:-

A. Relations were to be established with Lizaso.

B. Relations between President Aguirre and Lizaso were not marred by "dissension and bitter feeling".

C. The possibilities of collaboration were to be explored.

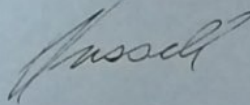
Answers to me { Admittedly these assumptions were based on the belief that Washington had read the letter of introduction, had considered the problems referred to in your letter, and had decided to have me establish the contact. One luncheon meeting was held and the matter was then referred to Washington and Madrid. (See paragraph #2 of letter of June 8th). The carbon was actually sent to Gregory Thomas in Lisbon as we fortunately had heard indirectly that he was not being accredited to Madrid. Gregory acknowledged receipt and suggested having John Hughes take up the question with President Aguirre.

In your third paragraph you discuss W/T operations between Madrid and Algiers. Apparently I failed to make myself clear by the phrase "operating out of Spain". The entire point of my discussion with Lizaso was to establish agents equipped with W/T in the French Basque country. As you know that plan has been

worked on from Washington and, for all I know, had been solved by infiltration from Spain.

It seems to me that the confusion has come about because of careless handling in Washington, lack of information to London, and lack of clarity in my letter of June 8th.

Sincerely,



P.S. Timothy wrote me on June 16th asking if we would attempt to set up a Madrid-London circuit as they were having no success in reaching Algiers. As we have no transmitters installed here we suggested that we attempt only to receive them. To date, we have been unable to do so. I am therefor more than delighted to hear from you that the Madrid-Algiers circuit is now in operation.

